

eVital (Electronic Death Registration)

Exhibit 300: Part I: Summary Information and Justification (All Capital Assets)

I.A. Overview

1. Date of Submission:

9/11/2006

2. Agency:

Social Security Administration

3. Bureau:

Systems

4. Name of this Capital Asset:

eVital (Electronic Death Registration)

5. Unique Project (Investment) Identifier: (For IT investment only, see section 53. For all other, use agency ID system.)

016-00-01-03-01-0150-24

6. What kind of investment will this be in FY2008? (Please NOTE: Investments moving to O&M ONLY in FY2008, with Planning/Acquisition activities prior to FY2008 should not select O&M. These investments should indicate their current status.)

Operations and Maintenance

7. What was the first budget year this investment was submitted to OMB?

FY2002

8. Provide a brief summary and justification for this investment, including a brief description of how this closes in part or in whole an identified agency performance gap:

E-Vital is a Presidential E-Government initiative. SSA is the managing partner and the only funding Agency. E-Vital was designed to allow Federal Agencies easy, online access to State vital events information. The objective of the project is to automate and change the current paper processes in the States to collect, process, analyze and disseminate vital records information. Electronic Death Registration (EDR) is the primary focus for E-Vital. As a result of EDR contracts with States, SSA receives more timely and accurate death reports. Through the SSA-developed Social Security Number (SSN) verification process, death reporters are able to verify the accuracy of the decedent's SSN. With verified SSNs, SSA is able to consider the death report primary proof of death, allowing SSA to automate the otherwise manual death input process. As a result of the Immigration Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA), FY 2006 is the last year SSA will be funding new EDR contracts with States. SSA will be implementing the contracts that they awarded FY 06 and before. Responsibility for E-Vital will be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services in FY 07.

9. Did the Agency's Executive/Investment Committee approve this request?

Yes

a. If "yes," what was the date of this approval?

7/31/2006

10. Did the Project Manager review this Exhibit?

Yes

11. Removed

12. Has the agency developed and/or promoted cost effective, energy efficient and environmentally sustainable techniques or practices for this project.

Yes

a. Will this investment include electronic assets (including computers)?

Yes

b. Is this investment for new construction or major retrofit of a Federal building or facility? (answer applicable to non-IT assets only)

No

1. If "yes," is an ESPC or UESC being used to help fund this investment?

2. If "yes," will this investment meet sustainable design principles?

3. If "yes," is it designed to be 30% more energy efficient than relevant code?

13. Does this investment support one of the PMA initiatives?

Yes

If "yes," check all that apply:

Expanded E-Government, Eliminating Improper Payments, Human Capital

13a. Briefly describe how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s)?

Electronic death records is a G to G initiative that permits the agency to stop payments timely, eliminating improper payments.

14. Does this investment support a program assessed using the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)? (For more information about the PART, visit www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part.)

Yes

a. If "yes," does this investment address a weakness found during the PART review?

Yes

b. If "yes," what is the name of the PART program assessed by OMB's Program Assessment Rating Tool?

SSI Program

c. If "yes," what PART rating did it receive?

Moderately Effective

15. Is this investment for information technology?

Yes

If the answer to Question: "Is this investment for information technology?" was "Yes," complete this sub-section. If the answer is "No," do not answer this sub-section.

For information technology investments only:

16. What is the level of the IT Project? (per CIO Council PM Guidance)

Level 3

17. What project management qualifications does the Project Manager have? (per CIO Council PM Guidance):

(1) Project manager has been validated as qualified for this investment

18. Is this investment identified as "high risk" on the Q4 - FY 2006 agency high risk report (per OMB's "high risk" memo)?

Yes

19. Is this a financial management system?

No

a. If "yes," does this investment address a FFMI A compliance area?

1. If "yes," which compliance area:

2. If "no," what does it address?

b. If "yes," please identify the system name(s) and system acronym(s) as reported in the most recent financial systems inventory update required by Circular A-11 section 52

20. What is the percentage breakout for the total FY2008 funding request for the following? (This should total 100%)

Hardware

0

Software

0

Services

0

Other

100.000000

21. If this project produces information dissemination products for the public, are these products published to the Internet in conformance with OMB Memorandum 05-04 and included in your agency inventory, schedules and priorities?

N/A

22. Removed

23. Are the records produced by this investment appropriately scheduled with the National Archives and Records Administration's approval?

Yes

I.B. Summary of Funding

Provide the total estimated life-cycle cost for this investment by completing the following table. All amounts represent budget authority in millions, and are rounded to three decimal places. Federal personnel costs should be included only in the row designated "Government FTE Cost," and should be excluded from the amounts shown for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." The total estimated annual cost of the investment is the sum of costs for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." For Federal buildings and facilities, life-cycle costs should include long term energy, environmental, decommissioning, and/or restoration costs. The costs associated with the entire life-cycle of the investment should be included in this report.

Table 1: SUMMARY OF SPENDING FOR PROJECT PHASES
(REPORTED IN MILLIONS)

(Estimates for BY+1 and beyond are for planning purposes only and do not represent budget decisions)

	PY - 1 and Earlier	PY 2006	CY 2007	BY 2008
Planning Budgetary Resources	1	0	0	0
Acquisition Budgetary Resources	2.566	0.454	0.061	0.001
Subtotal Planning & Acquisition Budgetary Resources	3.566	0.454	0.061	0.001
Operations & Maintenance Budgetary Resources	0.713	0.113	0.06	0.001
TOTAL Budgetary Resources	4.279	0.567	0.121	0.002
Government FTE Costs Budgetary Resources	1.583	0.673	0.445	1.188
Number of FTE represented by Costs:	16	7	4	10

Note: For the cross-agency investments, this table should include all funding (both managing partner and partner agencies). Government FTE Costs should not be included as part of the TOTAL represented.

2. Will this project require the agency to hire additional FTE's?

No

a. If "yes," How many and in what year?

3. If the summary of spending has changed from the FY2007 President's budget request, briefly explain those changes:

I.C. Acquisition/Contract Strategy

1. Complete the table for all (including all non-Federal) contracts and/or task orders currently in place or planned for this investment. Total Value should include all option years for each contract. Contracts and/or task orders completed do not need to be included.

Contracts/Task Orders Table:

Contract or Task Order Number	Type of Contract/Task Order	Has the contract been awarded?	If so what is the date of the award? If not, what is the planned award date?	Start date of Contract/Task Order	End date of Contract/Task Order	Total Value of Contract/Task Order	Is this an Interagency Acquisition?	Is it performance based?	Competitively awarded?	What, if any, alternative financing option is being used?	Is EVM in the contract?	Does the contract include the required security and privacy clauses?
ss00-	Firm-	Yes	9/30/2004	9/30/2004	9/28/2007	488.101	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes

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04-60091	fixed Price (FFP)											
SS00-04-60092	FFP	Yes	9/30/2004	9/30/2004	9/29/2006	782.907	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-04-60093	FFP	Yes	9/30/2004	9/30/2004	9/29/2006	488.118	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
0600-03-60156	FFP	Yes	9/30/2003	9/30/2003	9/30/2006	498.2	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-04-60094	FFP	Yes	9/30/2004	9/30/2004	9/28/2007	496.5	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-05-60090	FFP	Yes	9/30/2005	9/30/2005	9/28/2007	799.884	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-05-60077	FFP	Yes	9/30/2005	9/30/2005	9/28/2007	371.08	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-04-60095	FFP	Yes	9/30/2004	9/30/2004	9/29/2006	330	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
0600-02-60075	FFP	Yes	9/27/2002	9/27/2002	9/29/2006	499.997	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-05-60080	FFP	Yes	9/30/2005	9/30/2005	9/28/2007	494.295	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
0600-03-60153	FFP	Yes	9/29/2003	9/29/2003	9/29/2006	549.263	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-05-60071	FFP	Yes	9/30/2005	9/30/2005	9/28/2007	610.832	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-05-60075	FFP	Yes	9/30/2005	9/30/2005	9/28/2007	191.74	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-04-60096	FFP	Yes	9/30/2004	9/30/2004	9/29/2006	198.409	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes
SS00-05-60011	Time & Materials	Yes	11/15/2004	11/15/2004	9/29/2011	525124.153	No	Yes	Yes	NA	No	Yes

2. If earned value is not required or will not be a contract requirement for any of the contracts or task orders above, explain why:

SSA's earned value management (EVM) policy has been certified as consistent with OMB guidance and the ANSI standards defining a compliant EVM. The inclusion of earned value in SSA contracts is based on the type of contract let, the services performed, and the date when the contract was let. Earned value management requirements are applied to SSA contractors in two ways. The first is to require the contractor to satisfy requirements utilizing their own earned value management system (EVMS). The second is for the contractor to provide necessary data directly into SSA's in-house EVMS.

3. Do the contracts ensure Section 508 compliance?

Yes

a. Explain why:

4. Is there an acquisition plan which has been approved in accordance with agency requirements?

Yes

a. If "yes," what is the date?

8/30/2006

b. If "no," will an acquisition plan be developed?

1. If "no," briefly explain why:

I.D. Performance Information

In order to successfully address this area of the exhibit 300, performance goals must be provided for the agency and be linked to the annual performance plan. The investment must discuss the agency's mission and strategic goals, and performance measures must be provided. These goals need to map to the gap in the agency's strategic goals and objectives this investment is designed to fill. They are the internal and external performance benefits this investment is expected to deliver to the agency (e.g., improve efficiency by 60 percent, increase citizen participation by 300 percent a year to achieve an overall citizen participation rate of 75 percent by FY 2xxx, etc.). The goals must be clearly measurable investment outcomes, and if applicable, investment outputs. They do not include the completion date of the module, milestones, or investment, or general goals, such as, significant, better, improved that do not have a quantitative or qualitative measure.

Agencies must use Table 1 below for reporting performance goals and measures for all non-IT investments and for existing IT investments that were initiated prior to FY 2005. The table can be extended to include measures for years beyond FY 2006.

Performance Information Table 1:

Fiscal Year	Strategic Goal(s) Supported	Performance Measure	Actual/baseline (from Previous Year)	Planned Performance Metric (Target)	Performance Metric Results (Actual)
2002	Service, Stewardship	Award EDR contracts	0	Award EDR contracts to 5 States	Awarded EDR contracts to 4 States
2003	Service Stewardship	Award EDR contracts to additional States	4	Award EDR contracts to 14 States	Awarded EDR contracts to 5 states
2004	Service Stewardship	Award EDR contracts to additional States	9	Award EDR contracts to 14 States	Awarded EDR contracts to 5 states
2004	Service Stewardship	Receive more timely and accurate data	Up to 180 days	Receive verified death data within 5 days from 2 States	Receive verified data from 3 states - 10,000 verified death reports received
2005	Service Stewardship	Award EDR contracts to additional States	14	Award EDR contracts to 5 States	Awarded EDR to 5 States
2005	Service Stewardship	Receive more timely and accurate data	Up to 180 days	Receive verified death data within 6 days (average) from EDR States	65% of the States up 1 year or more submitted 50% of EDR reports in 6 days or less
2006	Service, Stewardship	Award EDR Contracts to additional states	19	Award EDR Contracts to 5 states	Award made to 9 states

All new IT investments initiated for FY 2005 and beyond must use Table 2 and are required to use the Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) Performance Reference Model (PRM). Please use Table 2 and the PRM to identify the performance information pertaining to this major IT investment. Map all Measurement Indicators to the corresponding "Measurement Area" and "Measurement Grouping" identified in the PRM. There should be at least one Measurement Indicator for at least four different Measurement Areas (for each fiscal year). The PRM is available at www.egov.gov.

Performance Information Table 2:

Fiscal Year	Measurement Area	Measurement Category	Measurement Grouping	Measurement Indicator	Baseline	Planned Improvement to the Baseline	Actual Results
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I.E. Security and Privacy

In order to successfully address this area of the business case, each question below must be answered at the system/application level, not at a program or agency level. Systems supporting this investment on the planning and operational systems security tables should match the systems on the privacy table below. Systems on the Operational Security Table must be included on your agency FISMA system inventory and should be easily referenced in the inventory (i.e., should use the same name or identifier).

All systems supporting and/or part of this investment should be included in the tables below, inclusive of both agency owned systems and contractor systems. For IT investments under development, security and privacy planning must proceed in parallel with the development of the system/s to ensure IT security and privacy requirements and costs are identified and incorporated into the overall lifecycle of the system/s.

Please respond to the questions below and verify the system owner took the following actions:

1. Have the IT security costs for the system(s) been identified and integrated into the overall costs of the investment:

Yes

2. Is identifying and assessing security and privacy risks a part of the overall risk management effort for each system supporting or part of this investment.

Yes

3. Systems in Planning - Security Table:

Name of System	Agency/ or Contractor Operated System?	Planned Operational Date	Planned or Actual C&A Completion Date
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4. Operational Systems - Security Table:

Name of System	Agency/ or Contractor Operated System?	NIST FIPS 199 Risk Impact level	Has C&A been Completed, using NIST 800-37?	Date C&A Complete	What standards were used for the Security Controls tests?	Date Complete(d): Security Control Testing	Date the contingency plan tested
Death Alert Control and Update System	Government Only	Low	Yes	7/23/2004	NIST 800-26	7/14/2006	1/9/2006

5. Have any weaknesses related to any of the systems part of or supporting this investment been identified by the agency or IG?

No

a. If "yes," have those weaknesses been incorporated agency's plan of action and milestone process?

6. Indicate whether an increase in IT security funding is requested to remediate IT security weaknesses?

No

a. If "yes," specify the amount, provide a general description of the weakness, and explain how the funding request will remediate the weakness.

7. How are contractor security procedures monitored, verified, validated by the agency for the contractor systems above?

THIS IS NOT A CONTRACTOR SYSTEM

8. Planning & Operational Systems - Privacy Table:

Name of System	Is this a new system?	Is there a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) that covers this system?	Is the PIA available to the public?	Is a System of Records Notice (SORN) required for this system?	Was a new or amended SORN published in FY 06?
Death Alert Control & Update System	No	Yes.	Yes.	Yes	Yes, because the existing Privacy Act system of records was substantially revised in FY 06.

I.F. Enterprise Architecture (EA)

In order to successfully address this area of the business case and capital asset plan you must ensure the investment is included in the agency's EA and Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) process, and is mapped to and supports the FEA. You must also ensure the business case demonstrates the relationship between the investment and the business, performance, data, services, application, and technology layers of the agency's EA.

1. Is this investment included in your agency's target enterprise architecture?

Yes

a. If "no," please explain why?

2. Is this investment included in the agency's EA Transition Strategy?

Yes

a. If "yes," provide the investment name as identified in the Transition Strategy provided in the agency's most recent annual EA Assessment.

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b. If "no," please explain why?

3. Service Reference Model (SRM) Table:

Identify the service components funded by this major IT investment (e.g., knowledge management, content management, customer relationship management, etc.). Provide this information in the format of the following table. For detailed guidance regarding components, please refer to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/>.

Agency Component Name	Agency Component Description	Service Domain	FEA SRM Service Type	FEA SRM Component	FEA Service Component Reused Name	FEA Service Component Reused UPI	Internal or External Reuse?	BY Funding Percentage
Connect: Direct	Connect: Direct automates the secure movement of	Back Office Services	Data Management	Data Exchange	Data Exchange	016-00-01-04-02-2132-00	Internal	0

Agency Component Name	Agency Component Description	Service Domain	FEA SRM Service Type	FEA SRM Component	FEA Service Component Reused Name	FEA Service Component Reused UPI	Internal or External Reuse?	BY Funding Percentage
	large volumes of data between distributed applications within and between enterprises.							
AIF	The AIF (Application Interface Facility) is a common interface between SSA's application programs and various Database Management Systems such as IDMS and MADAM.	Back Office Services	Development and Integration	Data Integration	Data Integration	016-00-01-04-02-2132-00	Internal	0
ICDB	Integrated Client Database (ICDB) is a data access utility containing common data elements from participating systems.	Back Office Services	Development and Integration	Data Integration	Data Integration	016-00-01-04-02-2132-00	Internal	0
JWICS	Java Websphere Initiated CICS Servers (JWICS) is a set of Java Classes and resources files which allow remote procedure call communication between a Java Websphere Application Server Client and a CICS Cobol Server program.	Back Office Services	Development and Integration	Legacy Integration	Legacy Integration	016-00-01-04-02-2132-00	Internal	0
XML	XML is a markup language for documents containing structured information.	Digital Asset Services	Knowledge Management	Information Retrieval	Information Retrieval	016-00-01-04-02-2132-00	Internal	0

Agency Component Name	Agency Component Description	Service Domain	FEA SRM Service Type	FEA SRM Component	FEA Service Component Reused Name	FEA Service Component Reused UPI	Internal or External Reuse?	BY Funding Percentage
XML	XML is a markup language for documents containing structured information.	Digital Asset Services	Knowledge Management	Information Sharing	Information Sharing	016-00-01-04-02-2132-00	Internal	0
Top Secret	TOP SECRET is the security software running on all of SSA's mainframe systems	Support Services	Security Management	Access Control	Access Control	016-00-02-00-01-2210-00	Internal	0

Use existing SRM Components or identify as "NEW". A "NEW" component is one not already identified as a service component in the FEA SRM.

A reused component is one being funded by another investment, but being used by this investment. Rather than answer yes or no, identify the reused service component funded by the other investment and identify the other investment using the Unique Project Identifier (UPI) code from the OMB Ex 300 or Ex 53 submission. 'Internal' reuse is within an agency. For example, one agency within a department is reusing a service component provided by another agency within the same department. 'External' reuse is one agency within a department reusing a service component provided by another agency in another department. A good example of this is an E-Gov initiative service being reused by multiple organizations across the federal government.

Please provide the percentage of the BY requested funding amount used for each service component listed in the table. If external, provide the funding level transferred to another agency to pay for the service.

4. Technical Reference Model (TRM) Table:

To demonstrate how this major IT investment aligns with the FEA Technical Reference Model (TRM), please list the Service Areas, Categories, Standards, and Service Specifications supporting this IT investment.

FEA SRM Component	FEA TRM Service Area	FEA TRM Service Category	FEA TRM Service Standard	Service Specification (i.e. vendor or product name)
Data Integration	Component Framework	Business Logic	Platform Dependent	ALC
Data Integration	Component Framework	Business Logic	Platform Dependent	COBOL 3
Legacy Integration	Component Framework	Business Logic	Platform Independent	Java Servlet (JSR 53)
Data Exchange	Component Framework	Data Interchange	Data Exchange	Resource Description Framework (RDF)
Data Integration	Component Framework	Data Management	Database Connectivity	DB2 Connector
Access Control	Component Framework	Security	Supporting Security Services	TopSecret
Legacy Integration	Component Framework	Security	Supporting Security Services	Transport Layer Security (TLS)
Data Integration	Service Access and Delivery	Access Channels	Other Electronic Channels	System to System
Information Retrieval	Service Access and Delivery	Delivery Channels	Internet	

FEA SRM Component	FEA TRM Service Area	FEA TRM Service Category	FEA TRM Service Standard	Service Specification (i.e. vendor or product name)
Information Sharing	Service Access and Delivery	Delivery Channels	Internet	
Access Control	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Authentication / Single Sign-on	
Data Integration	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Hosting	Internal (within Agency)
Data Exchange	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Hosting	Internal (within Agency)
Legacy Integration	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Hosting	Internal (within Agency)
Access Control	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Hosting	Internal (within Agency)
Information Retrieval	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Hosting	Internal (within Agency)
Information Sharing	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Hosting	Internal (within Agency)
Access Control	Service Access and Delivery	Service Requirements	Legislative / Compliance	Security
Legacy Integration	Service Access and Delivery	Service Transport	Service Transport	Internet Protocol (IP)
Legacy Integration	Service Access and Delivery	Service Transport	Service Transport	Transport Control Protocol (TCP)
Data Integration	Service Interface and Integration	Integration	Middleware	CICS
Access Control	Service Interface and Integration	Integration	Middleware	CICS
Data Integration	Service Interface and Integration	Integration	Middleware	Transaction Processing Monitor
Information Retrieval	Service Interface and Integration	Interoperability	Data Format / Classification	eXtensible Markup Language (XML)
Information Sharing	Service Interface and Integration	Interoperability	Data Format / Classification	eXtensible Markup Language (XML)
Information Retrieval	Service Interface and Integration	Interoperability	Data Types / Validation	XML Schema
Information Sharing	Service Interface and Integration	Interoperability	Data Types / Validation	XML Schema
Data Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Database / Storage	Database	Database 2 (DB2)
Data Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Database / Storage	Database	IDMS
Data Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Database / Storage	Database	VSAM
Data Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Hardware / Infrastructure	Peripherals	Direct Access Storage Device (DASD)
Data Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Hardware / Infrastructure	Servers / Computers	Mainframe
Access Control	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Hardware / Infrastructure	Servers / Computers	Mainframe
Data Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Support Platforms	Platform Dependent	z/OS
Legacy Integration	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Support Platforms	Platform Independent	Java 2 Platform Enterprise Edition (J2EE)

Service Components identified in the previous question should be entered in this column. Please enter multiple rows for FEA SRM Components supported by multiple TRM Service Specifications

In the Service Specification field, Agencies should provide information on the specified technical standard or vendor product mapped to the FEA TRM Service Standard, including model or version numbers, as appropriate.

5. Will the application leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government (i.e., FirstGov, Pay.Gov, etc)?

No

a. If "yes," please describe.

6. Does this investment provide the public with access to a government automated information system?

No

a. If "yes," does customer access require specific software (e.g., a specific web browser version)?

1. If "yes," provide the specific product name(s) and version number(s) of the required software and the date when the public will be able to access this investment by any software (i.e. to ensure equitable and timely access of government information and services).

Exhibit 300: Part III: For "Operation and Maintenance" investments ONLY (Steady State)

III.A. Risk Management

Part III should be completed only for investments which will be in "Operation and Maintenance" (Steady State) in FY 2008, i.e., selected the "Operation and Maintenance" choice in response to Question 6 in Part I, Section A above.

You should have performed a risk assessment during the early planning and initial concept phase of this investment's life-cycle, developed a risk-adjusted life-cycle cost estimate and a plan to eliminate, mitigate or manage risk, and be actively managing risk throughout the investment's life-cycle.

Answer the following questions to describe how you are managing investment risks.

1. Does the investment have a Risk Management Plan?

Yes

a. If "yes," what is the date of the plan?

6/15/2004

b. Has the Risk Management Plan been significantly changed since last year's submission to OMB?

No

c. If "yes," describe any significant changes:

2. If there currently is no plan, will a plan be developed?

a. If "yes," what is the planned completion date?

b. If "no," what is the strategy for managing the risks?

III.B. Cost and Schedule Performance

1. Was operational analysis conducted?

Yes

a. If "yes," provide the date the analysis was completed.

12/1/2006

b. If "yes," what were the results?

SSA closely monitors the ongoing performance of all death data received by SSA. Under OMB's Performance Measurement Process, SSA reports quarterly to OMB on progress of the Presidential Initiative. This includes number of states that have implemented Electronic Death Registration Systems (EDRS) and those that are in the process of implementing their systems. SSA has assisted states who wish to build EDRS by contributing financial incentives and program expertise for the states to move from a paper intensive process to an electronic one. Sixteen states have built systems. Under the E-Vital Presidential Initiative, another 15 states will build EDRS that will verify social security numbers and send death reports to SSA. SSA is able to monitor the progress of each new system through the administration of government contracts. In addition, if the data exchange edits, SSA systems track the edits and take appropriate action. The data received from the states is received into and is processed by the Death Alert Control and Update System (DACUS), an SSA steady state system, that processes all death inputs, not just EDR. It undergoes maintenance that is not EDR specific. The amount of IT resources needed for receiving data from states is shown.

c. If "no," please explain why it was not conducted and if there are any plans to conduct operational analysis in the future:

The process of contracting with the States is well established and fully vetted. It has resulted in 11 successful EDR implementations and there is no need for modifications to the process.